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Oct. 25: Police sources reported that five unidentified assailants armed with automatic weapons attacked the police investigations headquarters in the Quinta Normal region of Santiago. No casualties were reported. Later, an anonymous phone call to a radio station attributed the attack to the Lautaro guerrilla organization. Nov. 5: Police told reporters that the recently created Patria Libre (Free Nation) People's Guerrilla Army (EGP/PL) bombed a telecommunications tower in Temuco, 600 km. from Santiago. No casualties were reported. The EGP/PL first made an appearance on Oct. 4 and 5 via an assault on the Agence France-Presse news office in the capital, an attempted bombing of a Santiago subway car, and two similar bombing attacks in Temuco. According to EGP/PL propoganda, the group supports the "armed struggle against imperialism and capitalism," and opposes President Patricio Aylwin's government. Nov. 21: Police reported that members of the Lautaro Youth Movement bombed a municipal office in the town of Estacion Central, located in the Santiago metro area. There were no casualties nor arrests. The Lautaro urban guerrilla organization was created in 1982. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 10/25/91, 11/06/91, 11/21/91)

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